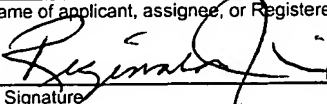


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### AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated November 28, 2005 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 28, 2006. A petition for a one-month extension of time is filed simultaneously herewith. Reconsideration, entry of the amendment and continued examination are respectfully requested in light of the remarks below.

Please amend the application as follows: